

**AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION
MINUTES OF AUGUST 21, 2014
WAREHOUSE POINT LIBRARY**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Joanne Drapeau	Al Floyd	Albert Grant
Barbara Sherman	Dick Sherman	Dick Sullivan
Tom Talamini	Deb Talamini	

ABSENT:

Alan Baker	Jim Halloran	Ray Jones
Ken Francis	Sue Gaffney	Lois Noble

Scott Tripp

GUESTS:

John Burnham	Rebecca Talamini
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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:05 PM
2. **MINUTES** of July 17, 2014: Motioned and Approved, with 1 abstention.
3. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Deb Talamini reported that she had deposited \$100 into the account giving a balance of \$628.96 and that there were 24 decals left unsold.
4. **ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:** None
5. **ON-GOING / OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a. River Review – River is very low due to lack of rain. No one present had been on the river of late.
 - b. Water testing – Continues and the new water temperature meters have been placed. Dr. Martin will notify us when she is taking a reading.
 - c. Scantic River State Park Trail – Some overgrowth, maintenance has not been scheduled. DEEP has requested information about the planned new trails and member Alan Baker will comply.
 - d. July / August Work Party(s) – 3 Members pulled the trash barrels from the river. They have been repainted and "TRASH" stenciled on them. 2 of the 3 missing signs have been reinstalled. Only 2 members showed up for the bridge work party. It was too much for them to manage alone; they will wait for more help to replace it.
 - e. Source to Sea – Unsure if registration has been completed.
 - f. Community Day – Commission will participate with a table of information. A float is possible
 - g. Patch Blog / Facebook / Publicity – Member Deb Talamini had an article in the North Central paper. She received an email from CT Commission on Culture and Tourism inviting us to put information on its website CTVisit.com. She will submit details of New Year's Day Hike 2015.
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. August / September work party – Members will meet Saturday, August 23 at 9AM at John Burnham's barn for a trip to the lower section of the river to remove downed trees. During the week, Member Albie Grant will bring his post hole digger down and plant some poles to which the trash barrels will be secured. Then September 13 was also set as a scheduled date with goal, meeting time / place to be announced. It was discussed that maybe a set weekend each month be scheduled so workers could plan ahead to try to be available since the volunteers were getting fewer in number.
 - b. SRWA – No meeting this month.

c. Fun Paddle – Still trying for a date.

d. Volunteers from Wood Group – will be thanked at a Board of Selectman meeting, September 2. Please try to attend.

PUBLIC INPUT – It was noted that the hats were a big hit and maybe members need to think about embroidered shirts. It was also reported that at Browns Harvest Farm old tobacco poles were available at a cost of \$8, but they are only \$7 at Mulnite's.

8. ADJOURNMENT: 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Sherman – 8/22/2014